## **Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes**

January 8, 2014 - 4:00 p.m. Room 319 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Dolan, Heinle, Johnson, Kozak, Metge, Peltola, Rice, Sandberg,

Schwarzkopf

Commissioners Excused: Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

#### 1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

### 2. Adopt Agenda

Johnson moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein.

## 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of November 6, 2013

Johnson moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2013. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein.

### 4. Chair's Report

No report.

## **Election of Officers**

# 5. Election of Officers: Elect Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Clegg opened the floor to nominations.

Rice moved the nominations of Commissioner Clegg as Chair, Commissioner Sandberg as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Schwarzkopf as Secretary. Seconded.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The Rice motion was adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein.

City Attorney Osborne noted that Charter Commission Rule 3.2.4 also provided for the election of a "Chairperson Pro Tem" who would perform the duties of the Chairperson when other officers were absent or wished to debate a matter before the Commission, and that the Chairperson Pro Tem would be the most tenured Commissioner then present. The Commission unanimously confirmed Commissioner Dolan as the most tenured Commissioner.

## **Discussion**

# 6. Filing Fees for Municipal Office: Update on proposed amendment.

Clegg stated that the City Council had not adopted the proposed changes to the filing fees on a 13-0 vote. Also, if the proposal had been adopted as written, without an effective date, it would have been effective 90 days after adoption (March 2014), but then would have been superseded by the Plain Language Charter in 2015. The Commission will now have the opportunity to readopt the proposal with the notation that it become effective on the same date as the Plain Language Charter and also number the provision to be consistent with the Plain Language Charter. He would start discussions with Council Members in February. The deadline for placing it on the ballot would be sometime in July.

Casey Carl, City Clerk, stated that while Council Members at the December 5, 2013 meeting had agreed the filing fees should be increased, they wanted to engage with the Charter Commission on the amount of the fee through a public hearing process and a more deliberative process between the two bodies.

#### 7. 2014 Charter Commission Calendar:

Approve 2014 meeting dates:

February 5 June 4 October 1

March 5 July 2 November 5

April 2 August 6 December 3

May 7 September 3

Johnson moved approval of the proposed 2014 meeting dates. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein.

### 8. Charter Commission 2013 Annual Report:

Receive and file Charter Commission 2013 Annual Report and direct the Clerk to submit the report to the Chief Judge of Hennepin County District Court.

Metge moved to receive and file the 2013 Annual Report, with the addition of the date of the latest revision (8/7/2013) to both the index page and the first page of the Rules. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein.

## **Public Commentary**

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

Sandberg moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rubenstein.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator